

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Original) A method for modifying an existing printing press to accept a pair of height-adjusting shims comprising the steps of:

positioning each one of the pair of shims on each of a pair of opposed frame holders;
determining at least one location for an aperture on each of the opposed frame holders to facilitate fastening of the pair of shims to the pair of opposed frame holders;
positioning a drill bit on each of the opposed frame holders at the determined location; and,
drilling a hole in each of the opposed frame holders at the determined location.

52. (Original) The method of Claim 51 further comprising the step of:
clamping each one of the pair of shims to each of the opposed frame holders using a clamp to hold the shims in place during drilling.

Claims 53-58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) An assembly A-kit for adjusting the vertical height of ~~a frame for a~~ printing screen supported by one or more frame holders relative to an item to be printed upon by screen printing comprising:

a frame holding the screen thereon;

one or more frame holders for supporting each screen above the item to be printed upon;

and,

a kit comprising:

a first set of shims having one or more shims of a first, generally uniform predetermined thickness for each frame holder; and,

a second set of shims having one or more shims of a second, generally uniform predetermined thickness for each frame holder,

each shim of each set adapted to be optionally positioned between a frame holder and the frame such that the shims of a set can be used simultaneously with all of the frame holders in a number of different combinations to adjust and evenly increase the vertical distance and space between the frame and the item to be printed upon.

60. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 59 wherein each shim has means associated therewith for interconnecting the shim to another shim and/or to a frame holder.

61. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 60 further including at least one fastener for each frame holder to interconnect the shims disposed between the frame and the frame holder either to each other and/or to the frame holder.

62. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 59 wherein each frame holder includes a mechanism for holding the frame in the frame holder and the same mechanism will hold the frame and one or more shims in the frame holder below the frame and between the frame holder and the frame.

63. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 59 wherein each set of shims can include one or more shims and the first predetermined thickness can be the same or different than the second predetermined thickness.

64. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 59 further including one or more further sets of shims having one or more shims for each frame holder with each set having a predetermined thickness that is the same or different than the predetermined thickness of other sets of shims.

65. (Currently Amended) An assembly A-kit for adjusting the vertical height of a frame for a printing screen supported by a pair of opposed frame holders relative to an item to be printed upon by screen printing comprising:

a frame holding the screen thereon;

a pair of opposed frame holders for supporting each screen above the item to be printed upon; and,

a kit comprising:

at least two pairs of ~~shims~~ spacers with each pair having a generally uniform predetermined thickness,

each ~~shim~~ spacer of each pair adapted to be optionally positioned between a frame holder and the frame such that both ~~shims~~ spacers of each pair can be used simultaneously with the opposed frame holders in a number of different combinations to adjust and evenly increase the vertical distance and space between the frame and the item to be printed upon.

66. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 65 wherein each ~~shim~~ spacer has means associated therewith for interconnecting the shim to another ~~shim~~ spacer and/or to a frame holder.

67. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 66 further including at least one fastener for each frame holder to interconnect the ~~shims~~ spacers disposed between the frame and the frame holder either to each other and/or to the frame holder.

68. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 65 wherein each frame holder includes a mechanism for holding the frame in the frame holder and the same mechanism will hold the frame and one or more ~~shims~~ spacers in the frame holder below the frame and between the frame holder and the frame.

69. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 65 wherein the predetermined thickness of one pair of ~~shims~~ spacers can be the same or different than the predetermined thickness of the other pair of shims.

70. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 65 further including one or more further pairs of ~~shims~~ spacers with each pair having a predetermined thickness that is the same or different than the predetermined thickness of other pairs of ~~shims~~ spacers.

71. (Previously Presented) A method for adjusting the vertical height of a frame for a screen supported by one or more frame holders relative to an item to be printed upon comprising the steps of:

a) providing a first set of shims having one or more shims of a first, generally uniform predetermined thickness for each frame holder with each shim of the set adapted to be optionally positioned between a frame holder and the frame;

b) providing a second set of shims having one or more shims of a second, generally uniform predetermined thickness for each frame holder with each shim of the set adapted to be optionally positioned between a frame holder and the frame;

c) selecting at least one set of shims; and,

d) positioning the selected at least one set of shims simultaneously between a frame holder and the frame to adjust and evenly increase the vertical distance between the frame and the item to be printed upon.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 71 further including the step of interconnecting to each shim to another shim and/or to a frame holder.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 72 further including the step of using at least one fastener for each frame holder to interconnect the shims disposed between the frame and the frame holder either to each other and/or to the frame holder.

74. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 71 wherein the predetermined thickness of the first set of shims can be the same or different than the predetermined thickness of the second set of shims.

75. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 71 further including the step of providing one or more further sets of shims with each set having a predetermined thickness that is the same or different than the predetermined thickness of other sets of shims.

76. (Previously Presented) A method for adjusting the vertical height of a frame for a screen supported by a pair of opposed frame holders relative to an item to be printed upon comprising the steps of:

a) providing at least two pairs of shims with each pair having a generally uniform predetermined thickness, each shim of each pair adapted to be optionally positioned between a frame holder and the frame;

b) selecting at least one pair of shims; and,

c) positioning the selected at least one pair of shims simultaneously with the opposed frame holders to adjust and evenly increase the vertical distance between the frame and the item to be printed upon.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 76 further including the step of interconnecting to each shim to another shim and/or to a frame holder.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 77 further including the step of using at least one fastener for each frame holder to interconnect the shims disposed between the frame and the frame holder either to each other and/or to the frame holder.

79. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 76 wherein the predetermined thickness of one pair of shims can be the same or different than the predetermined thickness of the other pair of shims.

80. (Previously Presented) The kit of Claim 76 further including the step of providing one or more further pairs of shims with each pair having a predetermined thickness that is the same or different than the predetermined thickness of other pairs of shims.